



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

application of:

William E. M. Jon s t al.

Application No.: 09/022,336

Filed: February 11, 1998

For: **THE USE OF CATALYSTS IN
STANDBY VALVE-REGULATED
LEAD ACID CELLS**

Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: J. Maples

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Sir:

Response to Office Action of 6 August 2002

This is in response to the office action of 6 August 2002. An extension of time to respond is requested. Applicants have scheduled a personal interview with the examiner on February 18, 2003, 1:00PM to discuss this and other cases.

Please amend the application as set forth below:

In the claims:

Please delete claim 16.

Please add new claim 50 as follows:

--50. A device in accordance with claim 17 wherein said flame arrestor comprises a ceramic material.--